

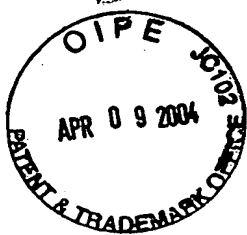


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Applicant: Jerry R. Smith
Appl. No.: 10/099,921
Filed: March 14, 2002
Docket No.: 1806
Conf. No.: 1639
Title: **HITCH BALL ENGAGING ASSEMBLY AND APPARATUS
USABLE TO INTERCONNECT FIFTH WHEEL TRAILER
COUPLING TO A GOOSENECK TRACTOR COUPLING**

Art Unit: 3611
Examiner: Luby, Matthew D.

Action: **REQUEST FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**
Date: April 6, 2004

TO: Mail Stop Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Applicant of the above-captioned patent application hereby requests a two (2) month time extension from February 6, 2004 to April 6, 2004 in which to respond to the Office Action dated November 6, 2003. Accordingly, enclosed is our check no. 18267 in the amount of \$210.00 to cover this time extension request. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-1940.

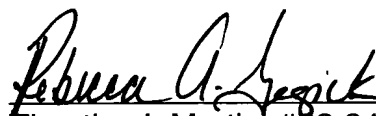
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